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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on January 4, 2007, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Chinese Office Action dated July 25, 2008, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 200580011996.5, in which the following documents were cited.

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-269269 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (2) Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-340614 A; and
- (3) Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1685490 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof.

Applicants note that the above-noted document (2) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 4, 2007, and thus, a copy of the document is not enclosed herewith.


The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted foreign documents (except for the above noted document (2)), including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the Chinese Office Action and a partial English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached form and to return a copy of the completed form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Rejection, Applicants have included herewith payment in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p).

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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